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Inspections to Affect Traffic Patterns on the 6th Street Viaduct

Work to be done September 17 to approximately October 19, 2012

Bridge inspection field work on the 6th Street viaduct will begin on Monday, September 17, with traffic pattern changes and sidewalk closures beginning Monday, September 24. To help keep traffic moving as smoothly as possible during the morning and afternoon rush, the following schedule has been set:

Mornings:

All northbound lanes will be open until 8:30 a.m.

After 8:30 a.m., one northbound or southbound lane may be closed, dependent on where the inspection work will take place

Afternoons:

All southbound lanes will be open after 3:30 p.m.

Up until 3:30 p.m., one northbound or southbound lane may be closed, dependent on where the inspection work will take place

At no time will both northbound and southbound traffic be restricted to one lane each.

This inspection process is part of the original operation and maintenance plan for the cable-stayed portion of the viaduct. The assessment will evaluate the overall performance of the structure and identify any potential problems, damage, or underperformance of any of the structural elements. Traffic patterns need to be altered to accommodate inspection equipment.

The 6th Street viaduct opened in September 2002, replacing a 1908 structure.

The inspections will run until approximately October 19. Note that lane closures are only scheduled for about 15 days during this five-week period to allow flexibility for inspections.

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